



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

D. Yu et al.

Attorney Docket No.: MEIP118201

Application No.: 09/990,238

Group Art Unit: 2625

Filed:

November 21, 2001

Examiner: S.C. Chawan

Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THREE DIMENSIONAL EDGE

TRACING WITH Z HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/ PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

August 5, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining | | Highest Number | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------|---|---------|---|------|---|------------|
| | After | | Previously | | Present | | | ٠ | Additional |
| | Amendment | | Paid For | | Extra | | Rate | | Fee |
| Total Claims | 17 | - | 20 | = | 0 | х | 50 | = | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | - | 3 | = | 0 | X | 200 | = | 0 |
| | TOTAL | | | | | | | | \$0 |

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 7, 2005, set to expire on May 7, 2005, be extended by 3 months, to expire on August 7, 2005. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$1,020.00.

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C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 165347 in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

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AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.